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FUMETTI New York City has some pretty peculiar laws. One is that you can't go about waving submachine guns—working or otherwise—in the public streets. This quaint statute was only one of the elements that made the shooting of this issue's "Unmentionables" fumetti

full of fun. This fact, coupled with the



necessity to shoot several scenes of mixed men and artillery on the street, turned the entire company into a clutch

of nervous wrecks. First, while shooting a scene calling for large garage doors on the street, we carefully lined up the location for the sequence (right around the corner from a friendly police-station)-instructed the group, kept the car motor running for a fast get-away-the performers were crouched in the rear of the stationwagon, waiting to pour into the street, guns at the ready-"Lights! Action!"just as our photographer was about to trip the lever on his Brownie, he found a little old lady tugging at his elbow and



demanding, "Does the bus stop anywhere around here?" True to the little old ladies' code, she kept clinging to the frantic group, demanding detailed transit information. Finally, we gave her a wild bit of misinformation and she left -our gutsy players leaped from the car. did the scene and beat it Other minor adventures came when our

hearty crew of adventurers-the director, the producer, the cameraman and his assistant, a clutch of actors and their arsenal of heavy weapons, squeezed into the creaky elevator at our Earle Hotel location in Greenwich Village, pushed the LIP button, and found themselves slowly sinking to the basement-victims

LETTERS

The story of "The Ski Week end" is a terrific one, and I laughed like hell reading it. particularly so knowing the people who were involved, and put it together. The entire issue is just wonderful in my opinion. I just hope the guys at the mountain get as many iollys from it as I did. we'll let vou know.

Harry Curran Wilmington, Vt.

I enjoyed so very much "The Ski Weekend" in May's HELPI.

You did a very fine job I wonder if it might be possible to obtain Miss Sally Mock's (Donna) address. would like very much to write her to see if she would model for me sometime in the future. 1 Ronald LaGassey Free-Jance Photographet West Haven, Conn

When we open the Agency-Incidentally, Jim Hampto who played Hans in "The Ski Weekend" has gone on to star in films-a short that was nominated for an Academy Award this year and the May 25th episode of Gunsmoke, playing second only to Matt Dillon, himself,-eds I think I am becoming addle-

brained. I have sent for backissues of HELP! I do not understand the reason why this sudden urge has come over me.

Dennis Richard Lawrence, Mass. Sleep, Dennis, Sleep. And when you awake-buy! Buy

more HELP!'s, Dennis, buy!-Eugene Talmadge and Sears Reebuck Co. was absolutely fabulous! More if you please.

of this Wm. Price Fox. He is excellent. Jeff Patton Milton, Wisc. Rill For has made his way since the May HELP! having

sold two stories to the Saturday Evening Post and one to Harper's.-eds. I am a constant reader of Life,

Look, Time, Saturday Evening Post, and Rogue magazine. I picked up a copy of your magazine last week. I am still a

constant reader of Life, Look, Time, Saturday Evening Post, and Rogue. Yogi Cavaliers

The Bronx, N.Y.



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The attached little message must be the work of your agent provocateurs. How did you get Mr. Day to plug you with every package of fivevelop such interest among the mailmen-I thought they hated magazines (just ask 'em)

J. C. Roberts Arvada, Colo.

Wonder Wart Hop is the greatest thing since Kool-Aid (stop) Carl Treseder Los Gatos, Calif.



of a severe case of overloading. This fumetti's cast is distinguished not only by its record-breaking cast of 17, but by the stellar quality of the person-

Judy Henske, who portrayed the double-dealing Selma, is a blues and folk-belting singer without parallel. Praised for recent stints at the Village Gate and the Bitter End in such varying journals as The New York Times, The Village Voice and Poultry World, Judy is a parochially schooled, girl from the Midwest who, tempered by adversity with the "ill-fated" Whiskeyhill Singers, is bound to go to the top-a bitchin' singer and

Great American. Her new album, out on the Electra label, is called simply enough "Judy

Henske," and has been compared favorably to everyone from Mahalia Jackson to Ezio Pınza, but when she takes the stage, it's all Judy. Rapt attention and strong palms are all that are called for. Sitting in as Mr. Big in our fumetti is Woody Allen, a young comedian of blinding insight, unerring wit and expensive vocabulary. Wearying of being pelted with money for writing for some of the biggest names in comicdom, Woody of late has taken to the smokey dens and piercing spotlight himself. It would be unfair to compare Woody with any other freelance funnyman now going. He's smaller than Mort Sahl, bigger than Wally Cox and has never said

As Elliot Knish, Jim Miller, a young actor, took to the tommy-gun and sneer as if to the chopper born. His Unmentionable followers were: Charlie Brown, a ougnacious musicologist, as Frizetti: Dean Cohen, an actor, as Crocetti, and Bob Shaw, a percussionist with the American Railet Theatre as Pastafazoni (the short one with the fiendish leer).

Others in the cast included Rutilio Omero as Knuckles Mafia and in the other roles as thugs, wimps, molls and picnickers: Jerry Reinstein, Joan Cameron, Rex Eckley, Jane Meltzer, Peg Gay, Lizzie Kurtzman, Bunny Richmond, John Forsha (Judy Henske's guitar accompanist), Terence Gilliam (producer), and Chuck Alverson (author).

INSIDE THE METS Are the New York Mets the stumble

burns their position in the National League standings would indicate? Casey Stengel really a combination of W. C. Fields and Mandrake the Magician? Are the "New Breed," as the Met fans are called, unregenerated Kamikaze pilots? In order to seek the answers to these and other burning questions of the times, we sent cartoonist Jack Davis up to the ramshackle Polo Grounds (currently defying gravity until the Mets' new stadium is finished) to give the Mets the once

over. Along with Jack went a photographer, a writer, and a softball team from Brownie Troop 303, which trounced the Mets soundly On page 10-14 you'll find the answer to what happened when Jack Davis and the Mets came together eveball to eveball-

and everybody blinked.

Davis in the Polo Grounds Press Rev

When the hell are you going to start putting HELP! out once a month instead of just once in a while? God, how long do you expect a person to wait to find out what will haopen to 'Wonder Wart Hog'??

an unkind word about the Andrews Sis-

My hero . . . Don Schwarz Brookivn, N.Y.

Wonder Wart Hog is pretty neat! I can't wait for the next I generally don't dig "cute kid" comics, but I like "Miss Peach" and "Peanuts." I liked the Percy Crosby reprints very much too, which proves the old adage that "If you like

'Peanuts' you'll love 'Skippy'. Jay Lynch Roselle, III.

Having followed your exploits since you masterminded Humbug, and, if you forgive the expression, Mad, the fine but ill-fated Trump, and last but not least, HELP! I consider you one of the finest cartoonists, writer, and editor in the field. You not only possess these qualities, but you have the foresight to surround yourself with other greats . . . Bitt Elder and Jack Davis, But, I ask you, Harv . . . The WART-HOG? Really! Pete Millar Lomita, Calif.

I am not a newcomer to your list of fans; while I was in Ga. Tech I ran across a copy of Mad Comics, bought one for myself and have tried desperately since to keep up with your work and the work of the cartoonists we associate with you. I have a PLAYBOY collection dating from '54 and a "Kurtzman collection" dating from '53. I'm a self-styled connoisseur of fine cartooning, though I'm equally delighted with the non-cartooned gems among your works, I am a

their work where and when I When HELP! hits the stands. whoever sees it phones around: "There's a new HELPI out!" It meets all the standards we have come to associate with your name. And "Little Annie Fanny" is great. You and the artists of your various works have brought quality presentation and art

into an otherwise abused field

loyal fan of Kurtzman, Elder,

Davis, Wood, Jaffee, Roth, and,

of course the others too; I get

for more than ten years now It's quite a contribution and we appreciate it Lyle A. Brooks

Atlanta, Ga. In your August 1962 edition oi HELP! on page 45 at the bottom was a picture in which you satirically and disrespectfully applied the opening phrase of one of our most holy pieces of written material. I think this showed not humor but a very vivid example of ignorance and sacrilegious qualities of those concerned in the situation. This type of literature has a much deeper and significant meaning other

than a bad hard joke which is

I think HELP! is very funny. but it is too sexy. When I started buying HELP!, my older brother stopped buying PLAYBOY and a few others. I can see why

Michael Oliver Millinacket, Maine Well, we ARE contemplating the possibilities of opening a string of HELP! key clubs .--

a slur and an insult to those

who hold this passage in high

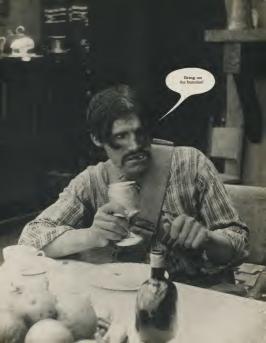
regard, as it well should be.

Terry Cobb

Auburn, Ala

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The "Ol' Perfessor," Casey Stengel, enthralis Cartoonist Jack Davis and other dugout loungers with tales of the Mets and other things.



are really bustling to make the club . . . "

«Well let me tell you about these here Mets of mine . you take Kranepool . . . I think it was 1921 ... or this feller which was one of the reason we didn't lose more games than we did . . . be can hit left-handed pitching—except some times—be can hit right-handed pitching, usually, and he can pinch hit unless it rains and the game's called off . . . I think it was 1927 just after I left the Phils or maybe the Braves that I first laid eyes on "Rabbit" Venuti, but he never got to play . . . Now, the Mets aren't the Yankees . . . You remember that feller which played second for Baltimore when it was still in the American League or was it Kansas City? Well. if Willey could win more and lose less, his average'd be better I believe . . . but you take Norm Sperry . . . or even Roger Craig. I believe it was during the '42 series that I was saying to Clark Griffith . . . and he coulnd't agree with me more . . . Anything else



MEETS THE METS

by Charles Alverson

According to the sports writers on the New York dailies, the Mets have been the main reason for a rebirth of interest in baseball in New York City. Everyone dismisses the Yankees. (It's like cheering for General Motors.)

In order to check out this phenomenon for HELPI readers, we got together a merry little group (myself, Jack Davis, an unfrocked cartoonist, and photographer Sid Washer) packed a bag full of yak sandwiches, wrung friends and relatives by the (Continoed on page 14)



"You got plenty of stuff today, Jackson, baby!"



"Let's see now . . .
if we win tonight and the Braves,
Colts and Phils lose two
and the Reds get rained out . . .
we're tied for ninth place!"







"There's this ball, see? And they throw it.
I think the whole thing is a
sophisticated type of keepaway."



"Where'd it go?! Where'd it go?!"



our autographs or blood,"



wait an men years...

(Continued from page 10) hand and wound our way to the Bronx to the Polo Grounds.

The most Impressive thing about the Polo Grounds is that it hasn't fallend own yet. They say it is not mere coincidence that all the sectority guards lean against though, the Mets are habitually so deep in the cellar that even if the stadium collapsed it couldn't hurt them. The Polo Grounds was scheduled to collapse this year but Shea Stadium, the Metz' new call it off.

After being reluctantly admitted to the dugout area by a guard, we stood around trying to tell the players from the groundsmen. The guards' average age seems to be about 70. Like the Polo Grounds, these elderly guards will be used just for this one more year and then traded in for younger ones.

The one thing that was of interest was Casey Stengel, the 73-year-old manager who was bounced from the Yankees for a severe case of old age but who is the Mets' number one attraction. Jack Davis was introduced to Casey by a Mets P.R. man, and they talked a while. Casey is a non-stop talker who doesn't really needand it think may actually reserved and think may actually reserved when the begin to think Casey would never stop talking, a quorum of fans had annived, voted for the game to begin, and we were hustled up to the press box to observe the Mets at work. The Mets fans are supposedly a "new breed" of baseball fans. They don't look particularly different from the usual sort who has nothing better to do with his

breed" of baseball fans. They don't look particularly different from the usual sort who has nothing better to do with his evenings than watch grown men throw and bat a ball around, but once the game began signs of the "new breed" began to appear. First off, they are probably the most

partisen crowd since the Christians used to lose regularly to the lions. Kramppool struck out—the crowd roared their support. Hickman caught a pop fr—the fans went wild. Snider scratched his posterior—pandemonium reigned Blut you have to admit the Met fans are well-equippod. Signs and banners declaring undyling love for the Mets, no matter what, a variety of musical Instruments from bugle to glockenspiel, and a battery-operated hospital policy of the properties of the propert

phemalia.

The main and the met fan is generous to a fault. With hardy any ancouragement, and the downright discouragement of the fellow on the public address system, the Met fans proceeded to throw everyfiling with about 50 giber. Down in merry fellowing the method of the method o

a profusion of loud fouls were lofted into the stands to bounce off the fans' laps, hands and heads, with scarcely a one fairly caught.

Finally, the Mets won out over their maladroight foes—probably in honor of out attendance at the game, we thought —climbing perilously near the dizzying heights of eighth place. Pushing our way



Jack Davis talks over the Mets and their prospects with announcer Lindsay Nelson.

through a crowd of the "new breed" who were waiting outside the stadium for the other team to board their bus so they could rub the defeat in a little, we boarded the southbound IRT subway content in the knowledge that America will always remain a first class power as long as there are Mets and Mets fans.



Two Roads Forward and Back

by Richard F. Gibbons

We are proud to present the following story, the manuscript of which was delivered to us or night by on iguons, who was corying it in his testh. The iguona then departed, and was lost seen entering a thicket on the authority of Williams, Iean. We think the outher has a message here for all of us. If you find out what the hell it is, will you let us know?

IGA put down the newspaper she had heen reading and walked to the window. She glanced up and down the street, and then looked at her watch. It was eight o'clock at night.

She returned to the chair in which she had heen sitting and smoothed out a cushion. She sat down with a sigh. And it was then the doorhell rang three times.

Olga rose from the chair and walked swiftly across the room. She paused at a hall mirror and tucked a stray wisp of hair in place. Then she opened the door. A light draft swept around her ankles and into the room. But nothing else did. There was no one there.

She closed the door softly and leaned against it. Her breast heaved. Her ears twitched. Her nostrils quivered. There was only one thing to do. She threw hack her head and whinnied.

A hlare of music came from the living-room. She went hack in and looked at the radio. It was turned off. She turned it on and the music stopped.

Her hreast heaved again and she lit a cigarette. Her hreast stopped heaving. Her little dog came in the

Olga harked at him and he went out again. His hreast was heaving,

She went to the mantel and took down a picture, ornately framed. She looked at it and sighed again, There was nothing in it. It was hlank. Blank, like her life.

God, she said. Damp, she added.

How did it ever end? And when would it start? Or was she a little confused? She sat down with a hook, written in French, and read for a while in boredom. She was a linguist with six languages at her command, none of them French.

She went to a cuphoard and took out a hottle. It was full of a pale hrown liquid. She put it to her lips and drank deeply. Then she coughed, wiped her mouth and studied the hottle. The cork was still in it. She thrust it back in the cuphoard and ran her hands through

That was her existence. That was the story of her life, better than words could tell it. Drinking from a hottle with the cork still in it. God, what a farce. She studied her hreast, heaved it a couple of times.

God, what a hreast. She rang for the maid. A man came in. Who are you?

I'm the butler. I rang for the maid.

Why? Did you want the maid? No. I didn't want the maid. But I like to ring for her. Can't I ring for the maid if I feel like it? Can't I pretend life is not a mocking

travesty, a hollow farce? What was that word again?

Hollow, hollow. Well, hollow to you too, kid, And

listen-if you want the maid, ring for me. If you want me, ring ME 2-7872. Besides, you haven't got

a maid. In fact, you haven't got a butler, either

She started to ask how he had gotten there, then, but saw that he wasn't there. Had he ever been there? Had she herself ever been there? Was everyone mad? Was there a God? Was it raining?

She went to the window and looked out. There were raindrops on the inside, none outside. She closed the window, though it hadn't heen open

Rain pelted her in the face. The lights went out and the room was dark and menacing. Outside, there was a cacophony of shrill soundto her, a symbol of life's mocking laughter.

She leaned out the window. Her hreast heaved again. She heaved herself after it. Down she fell like a plummet, screaming.

In the room, the French hook, spread out where she had flung it, fluttered its pages until "Finis" stared at the ceiling. The music from the radio-still turned offfaded and died. The picture on the mantel fell face down, though it had no face. The hottle in the cuphoard popped its cork. The cork popped it hack

The little dog pattered into the room, whimpering. He went to the window and looked out. The rainsoaked curtains whipped about his

His whimper rose to a mournful, drawn-out dirge. He was hungry.

too.

by Harvey Kurtzman THOUSAND PICTURES WORTH ONE WORD



THE UNMENTIONABLES

Story by Charles Alverson e Jim Miller as Illiot Knish e Judy Heeske os Selma e Charlie Brown as Frizetti 8 Bob Show as Pastráazool e Dean Cohen as Crocetti e Woody Allan as Mr. Bije Rutillo Omero as Knuckte Mefio & RecKeley os Psychiatris e Jerry Reinstein as Child & Assorted Hugs, molls, wineys, bebes & planickers; Joon Comeron, Reg Gay, Jone Meltrer, Burmy Richmond, Lie-Kurtzma, John Forths, Terry Cillians, Charl Alverse, Burmy Richmond, Lie-Kurtzma, John Forths, Terry Cillians, Charl Alverse,



















We had a good week. chief. We shot up the Smith gang, three community sings, a troop of Brownies and a meeting of alcoholics anonymous! The score was 10 killed, 27 wounded, all premises totally destroyed. Drinking evil

booze, were they?

out that Ferdinand the friendly fink had been drinking his own booze and had his facts a bit mixed up. Not one of them was drinking?

Not exactly, boss, it turned

Well. one of the Brownies had wine vinegar on ber breath. but she'd just had a salad for lunch.





Let's see-17 suits for

false arrest.

13 veiled

threats

and your

Sluggo's

Oh. yeah. we got an

no-cal hooch

































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Larry Walker



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"I told you never to shoot towards populated areas, didn't 1?"



Jum Jo



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"Boy, did our tailors goof!"



"Hey, are you trying that hair-spray test on my mirror?"











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